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Timely Tidbits ...

Banquet Canceled

A March 12 banquet that had been planned to honor Zeffie Bealum, the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's 19th Annual Person of Year, was canceled following news of Bealum's recent death, according to Karan Johnson, the Chamber's Executive Secretary.

Bealum gave a lifetime of service to the people in her community. The mother of two/foster mother of 20 was a founding member and past Secretary of the American Progressive Association, the oldest service organization in Romulus; a past member and former President of the Romulus Housing Commission; a former worker for the Office of Economic Opportunity; a supervisor for the Region III Soup Kettle (Wayne Metro Community Service Agency); a past member of the PTAs at Cory and Beverly schools; a former Girl Scout leader; and an inspector for the Romulus Voting Commission, Precinct #8.

Prominent Locals Promote Reading

As part of its participation in "ReadAcrossAmerica," Halecreek Elementary invited prominent local citizens to stop by on Tuesday, March 2 (the birthday of the late Ted Geisel – better known as "Dr. Seuss"), and read to students.

"The event is designed to renew the nation's commitment to literacy and reestablish the importance and joy of reading," explained Laurie Berlenn, the school's Media Technician, who coordinated the program at Halecreek.

Berlenn would like to thank the following guests who – after gamely donning hats similar to that worn by Seuss' famous Cat in the Hat – read to the students: David Allison, Kenneth Berlenn, Rosalie Berlenn, Joel Carr, Edward Clark, Joyce Clay, Rose Cooper, Thomas Dolan, Alberta Garrett, Alec Hance, Dan Hurst, Andreas Keller, Dr. Samuel La Monica, Betty Lenossi, Brian A. Oakley, William Oakley, and Cora Semrau.

Construction Soon To Begin on Metro Airport's Midfield Terminal; Completion Set for 2001



Artist's rendering of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport's new Midfield Terminal project.

Northwest Airlines has awarded Huber, Hunt & Nichols (HHN) of Indianapolis a \$366-million contract to build the new Midfield Terminal at Detroit Metro Airport. Construction of the Wayne County-owned facility will begin shortly, according to County Executive Edward H. McNamara and Ray Vecci, President of Michigan Operations for Northwest Airlines, which will be the primary lessee of the facility. The project is scheduled for completion in the last quarter of 2001.

"We are excited to take this important step toward building what will be the finest airport facility in the United States," said Vecci. "We are committed to providing our customers in Detroit and around the world with a world-class facility and a world-class hometown airline."

Added McNamara, "The County and Northwest are working closely together to insure that the new terminal is a facility that will showcase the very best of our community, and that it is built on time and on budget. Our airport is the first impression we make on many visitors; we want that impression to be welcoming and pleasant."

As of March 3, 1999, plans called for the Midfield Terminal – with an area of two million square feet, overall – to include the following features:

Terminal Building

- 24 luggage curb-side check-in positions at departure level (versus seven at the Davey Terminal),
- 104 domestic and international ticketing positions,
- a domestic luggage claim area with 11 large luggage carousels,
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- Federal inspection services.

East Concourse

- 66 jet arrival/departure gates, including 14 gates to accommodate wide-body aircraft (10 configured for international arrivals and departures),
- two "people mover" trams to take passengers from one end station of the concourse to the other in 2.5 minutes,
- 1.5 miles of moving sidewalks (unassisted walking distance between farthest gates will be reduced by more than half compared to existing terminal), and

- the ability to accommodate international arrivals at the rate of 3,200 passengers per hour in 2005 (3,600 passengers per hour by 2020).

West Concourse

- eight jet arrival/departure gates,
- 25 commuter arrival/departure gates, and
- concessions, rest rooms, and other amenities on the departure level.

Other Features

- a 700-foot tunnel – featuring moving walkways and art-glass walls with lighting effects – connecting the East Concourse with the West Concourse,
- four Northwest WorldClubs with 36,000 square feet of facilities,
- a concession area featuring 125,000 square feet of retail space (more than double the 55,000 square feet at Metro Airport's current complex), and
- interiors accented with porcelain tile and metal panels on walls, Detroit Pewabic accent tile in core areas, stainless-steel cladding on columns, and terrazzo floors on East Concourse corridors and Terminal Building public areas.

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Letter to the Editor

Wheelchair Allows Resident To Attend Her Son's Valentine's Day Luncheon

It's hard to keep this mom down! Because of a nasty slip on the ice which resulted in an ankle broken in three places, I'm now wheelchair bound for a few months. That fact almost kept me from attending a special Valentine's Day Luncheon that my son Jonathan and his classmates (under the supervision of teacher Connie Watkins and paraprofessional Robin Kaiser) were giving for their parents at Merriman Elementary School. Although I knew that I could get myself to and from the car with a walker, I simply was not up to maneuvering a heavy wheelchair by myself.

Needless to say, Jonathan was very disappointed. He's not used to his mom not being there for him on such special occasions.

Luckily, I remembered some of my longtime friends at the Romulus Community Schools' administrative office. Doreen came to my rescue by arranging to have someone with a wheelchair meet me in Merriman's parking lot.

I can't tell you how wonderful it was to find that the person who met me with an empty wheelchair was none other than Shelley Moore, Jonathan's principal. I was also greeted by quite a few teachers who were waiting at the door. Ms. Moore pointed me in the direction of Jonathan's classroom, and from there on I was making tracks on my own.

Finally, I made my surprise entrance into my son's classroom. When Jonathan

saw me, he was so happy that he ran up to me, hugged me, and almost knocked me out of the chair!

Jonathan, my daughter Ada, and I would like to express our deepest thanks to Doreen, Shelley, Connie, Dawn (the school secretary), and everyone else who helped us out in this small but important way. What a bunch of sweethearts you people are! This is one Valentine's Day that we won't forget!

(An afterthought: My, how we take so much for granted! It isn't until they are taken away from us for a time that we really appreciate the blessings of what we have and what we can do for ourselves. It's something that deserves a second thought.)

Vicki Martin

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Midfield Terminal To Be Finished in 2001

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Altogether, Airport spokespersons say, the high arched ceilings, open spaces, and large gate areas in the building - together with one of the largest and most diverse airport retail concession and service programs in the United States - will make the new DTW Midfield Terminal a leader in aviation facilities worldwide.

The competitive process of selecting the contractor to construct the Midfield Terminal has been underway for 15 months. A pre-qualification process of selecting the best qualified contractors to bid on the contract narrowed the competitors to four teams: Alberici of St. Louis and their partner, Walsh of Chicago; Dick Corp. of Pittsburgh; Huber, Hunt & Nichols of Indianapolis; and Walbridge Aldinger of Detroit and their partner, Clark Construction of Bethesda, Maryland.

During the design phase of the contract - performed by SHG, Inc., of De-

troit - the contractors participated in constructability reviews and made many suggestions to improve the contract. On February 18, 1999, the proposals, which included the price and technical information, were submitted to Northwest Airlines for consideration by three contractor teams. With the proposals, suggestions on cost-saving measures also were submitted.

After considering all the proposals and cost-saving measures, the award was made to HHN for a price of \$365,523,239. As the primary contractor, HHN will award subcontracts, worth many millions of dollars, to a number of smaller firms and suppliers.

Huber, Hunt & Nichols - which is now constructing Tiger Stadium - has previous experience in airport work, including the Hartsfield Terminal in Atlanta and the Indianapolis Airport in Indianapolis. HHN also has constructed aviation facilities in Memphis, Dallas, and San Francisco. □

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EDS Takes Next Step in Pursuit of Citrin Drive Well

By Kristi Stephens

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), has received a green light to begin the next phase of an application process aimed at the eventual construction and operation of a hazardous-waste treatment, storage, and deepwell disposal facility on Citrin Drive in Romulus.

On February 26, 1999, Chief Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Richard G. Lacasse determined that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will abide by the conditions set forth in a January 12, 1999 Stipulation and Consent Agreement between EDS and the DEQ.

In brief, the agreement:

- grants EDS its Part 625 permits for its Citrin Drive wells;
- permits EDS to pursue Part 111 draft permits for a hazardous-waste treatment, storage, and deepwell disposal facility on Citrin Drive;
- requires EDS to partially plug its existing well on Wahrman Road so that it is rendered inoperable during the Citrin Drive application process; and
- limits EDS to a single waste-disposal-well site in Wayne County.

Based on the ALJ's decision, EDS has already started work to partially plug its Wahrman Road well — a procedure that should be completed before



EDS has already begun the partial plugging of its Wahrman Road well.

the week's end. Further, in connection with its plans to pursue a Part 111 draft permit from the DEQ, EDS has announced that it will host a pre-application public information meeting on April 12, 1999. (For more information, see the public notices on page 9.) □



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| Description | Hazardous Waste Storage, Treatment and Deepwell Disposal Facility, 28470 Citrin Drive Romulus, Michigan | For Special Access Needs | Please notify EDS at (734) 955-2100 at least 72 hours prior to meeting |
| Purpose of Meeting | Presentation of proposed project details prior to submitting an Act 451, Part 111 permit application to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality | Application Contact Person | Austin Marshall P.O. Box 74456 Romulus, Michigan 48174 (734) 955-2100 |

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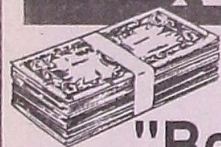
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Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees To Be Honored at Dinner



Marge Bergman – the backbone of the Romulus High School Alumni Association – earned a place among the ranks of the Alumni Hall of Fame with her tireless volunteer work.

The Romulus High School Alumni Association will hold its third annual Hall of Fame Induction and Dinner on Saturday, March 20, 1999, at Romulus High School. Each year, the Association's Selection Committee reviews nominations for the Hall of Fame based on each nominee's service to their community, successful life-style, and ability to serve as a positive role model for Romulus students. From 14 nominations received this year, the Committee selected four graduates to be honored: Charley Lau (Class of 1951), Dan Julien (Class of 1950), Winifred Wafer (Class of 1968), and Marge Bergman (Class of 1966).

Charley Lau

Much has been written about the late Charley Lau, for whom the High School's baseball field was named. A special ceremony – attended by Ernie Harwell and Tony LaRussa – was held in May 1985 to dedicate the field in his honor. Lau excelled in numerous sports at RHS, then spent some time in Major League Baseball – including a stint with the Detroit Tigers – before finding his niche in the sports world as the "best batting coach" that America's national pastime has ever seen. He authored books on hitting and made several videos that are in constant use by Little League teams and players all over the country.

Dan Julien

Dan Julien – nominated by his high-school friend, Don Koza – worked hard, both in high school and college, to pay his own way. Through 1967, he worked at various teaching jobs in Michigan, then moved his family to Flagstaff when he was hired by Arizona State University. During his last 24 years at Northern Arizona University, Julien trained more than 3,500 pre-teachers in communications skills.

Koza believes that Julien is living proof that a young person from a poor, broken home can rise above his environment and – through education, determination, and hard work – attain goals and successes far beyond anyone's wildest dreams.

Julien's record of community service while living in Arizona included involvement with the Boy Scouts of America's Grand Canyon Council, for which he was honored with the BSA's District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award. He has been a constant promoter of the Romulus Alumni Association, and initiated the idea of lifetime memberships.

Winifred Wafer

Winifred Wafer was nominated by her sister, Frederica Noel, who described Wafer as "an exceptional person who has been a teacher/leader in some way or another for as long as I can remember." Even as a child, Noel noted, her sister used her gifts to reach out to and teach other children.

Employed by Romulus Community Schools as a special-education teacher for approximately 20 years, Wafer also has chaired committees for the United Negro College Fund, worked with youth groups at her church, and been an active member of the Optimist Club.

Marge Bergman

Marge Bergman – nominated by Kathe Stears, Peggy Staten, and Lisa Hadyniak – has been a Romulus Community Schools employee for the past 20 years. Seven years ago, she presented the idea of the Alumni Association to then-High School Principal Tom Dolan, and has served as the group's Coordinator ever since.

Bergman has been tireless in her promotion of Alumni activities, including the Alumni Tent (now a well-established institution at Homecoming), a Chili Cook-off and Euchre Tournament (which coincides with the High School's Coming Home Week each year), and the annual Hall of Fame Dinner, as well as special events such as an Alumni Career Day and a "Coming Home" gathering of past valedictorians and salutatorians. Under Bergman's guidance, the Association also has awarded more than \$15,000 in scholarships and grants to Romulus seniors. She encourages graduates to volunteer for activities and to serve as role models for Romulus students.

To attend the induction dinner, you need not be a member of the Alumni Association; the event is open to anyone who would like to take part in honoring the Hall of Fame's newest members. Tickets (\$14 per person) can be obtained by calling Bergman (734-941-0272) any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (deadline: March 17). □



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Dance Theatre of Harlem at RHS

Students had an exciting opportunity to experience one of the world's premier dance companies when the Dance Theatre of Harlem came to Romulus High School on Tuesday, February 9.

Working out of Music Hall in Detroit, the dance company - sponsored by GMAC - has visited many schools in southeast Michigan, exposing area students to the world of professional performing arts.

The program's theme - "Dancing Through Barriers" - reflects the troupe's commitment to provide dance students with positive reinforcement, emphasizing the merits of dedication, commitment, and self-esteem.

Following the performance, students were given a chance to interact with the renowned dancers, and were complimented on the enthusiasm and respect that they demonstrated throughout the program. □



Mark Carter, a student at RHS, balances a member of the Dance Theatre of Harlem.

Harmony Promotes Harmony



The choir at Romulus High School rehearsed long and hard to prepare for the two performances it gave at Henry Ford Museum on Thursday, February 25, as part of the Museum's Black History Month celebration.

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- **St. Aloysius School Hosts Friday Fish-fry Dinners** – St. Aloysius School will host Friday Fish-fry fund-raisers at the school (located at 37200 Neville Road, behind St. Aloysius Catholic Church) from 4:30 to 7 p.m. every Friday through March 26. The menu for each evening will be the same: fish, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dessert, and beverage. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults; \$5.50 for senior citizens; and \$3 for children under 10. For more information, call 734-941-3340.
- **St. Paul's Church Hosts Friday Fish-fry Dinners** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will host Friday Fish-fry fund-raisers at the church (located at Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) from 4 to 7 p.m. every Friday through April 9. The menu for each evening will feature deep-fried/baked fish and French fries/scalloped potatoes. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 for children ages five to 11. For more information, call 734-753-9048.
- **Dumplin Valley Trio at New Faith Chapel** – New Faith Chapel (located at 19498 Middlebelt, Romulus) invites the public to attend two performances by the Dumplin Valley Trio – one on Saturday, March 13, at 7 p.m., and another on Sunday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The newly formed African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Youtheatre Offers Curious George** – Youtheatre's "Wiggle Club" (for children ages three to six) presentation of *Curious George* has been set for Saturday, March 27 (11 a.m. and 2 p.m.), and Sunday, March 28 (2 p.m.) at the Music Hall (located at 350 Madison Avenue in Detroit). Individual tickets are \$7 when purchased in advance; \$8 at the door. For more information, call 313-963-2366.
- **In-Balance Center Hosts Herb Conference** – The In-Balance Center of Romulus will host its 12th annual Herb Conference at the Romulus Marriott (30559 Flynn Drive) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 17. Guest speaker will be Rufus S. Houston, Jr., CNHP, who will discuss Nature's Sunshine and the Immune System. Tickets (\$35 nonrefundable; includes vegetarian luncheon) are available by calling 734-941-8778. Deadline for registration is April 5.
- **RHS Health Occupations Students Host Blood Drive** – Romulus High School's Health Occupations Students, under the direction of instructor Terri Brinston, will host a blood drive at the High School on Friday, May 28. Watch for further details in future issues.
- **Boys & Girls Clubs Host Orientation Meetings** – The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Romulus Club, invites prospective members (ages six to 18) to attend one of its new-member orientation meetings, held at Merriman Elementary School (15303 Merriman Road) each Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 11 a.m. The Club's annual membership fee is \$25; proof of age must be provided at the time of registration. Club hours are Tuesday through Friday from after school until 8:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-5839.
- **Kentuckians of Michigan Host Weekly Events** – The Kentuckians of Michigan host the following events each week at Liberty Park (located on Bredow Road in Romulus): **Live Bluegrass Music/Bufet** (Fridays, 7:30 to 11 p.m.; \$5 admission/additional \$5 for food) and **Bluegrass/Country Jam Session** (Sundays, 3 to 7 p.m.; \$3 admission/additional \$5 for food). Children welcome! For more information, contact Mary Jo Smiley, Program Director, at 313-381-3382.
- **Head Start Seeks Applicants** – Romulus Head Start is recruiting eligible three- and four-year-old children for its free preschool program, which is held at Beverly School. Head Start serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For more information, or to apply, call 734-334-1812.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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AAA, ATPA Name Michigan's Top 10 Stolen Cars for 1998



MICHIGAN'S "TOP 10" MOST STOLEN VEHICLES

1. 1995 Dodge/Plymouth Neon
2. 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass
3. 1996 Dodge/Plymouth Neon
4. 1997 Ford Taurus
5. 1997 Dodge/Plymouth Neon
6. 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass
7. 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass
8. 1996 Ford Taurus
9. 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass
10. 1986 Pontiac 6000

Source: Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA)

If you own a late-model Oldsmobile Cutlass, your car has the dubious distinction of appearing on Michigan's "Top 10 Most Stolen Cars" list not once, not twice, but four times in 1998 (based on model year). The Dodge/Plymouth Neon appears fewer times (three), but ranks highest as the most-stolen car. No utility vehicles appear on this year's list.

Preliminary reports suggest that Michigan's auto-theft rates will continue to decline. In 1997, the number of thefts fell five percent from the previous year. From 1986 to 1997, they decreased 17%. During this same time period, the national theft rate has increased 11%.

James Oliver, Senior Vice President of Property and Casualty Insurance for AAA Michigan, noted that 59,826 auto thefts occurred in Michigan in 1997. He added that a Statewide VIN (vehicle identification number) etching

program conducted by AAA and the Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) should help reduce those numbers further in 1999. Oliver serves on the ATPA's Board of Directors.

"Not only does VIN etching make a car less appealing to car thieves, but an etched vehicle may qualify for a discount on the comprehensive portion of an auto insurance premium," said Oliver.

AAA Michigan, for example, offers a five-percent discount for etched vehicles.

In addition to proactive antitheft measures, AAA Michigan is strongly committed to fighting all forms of insurance fraud, according to Oliver. Since 1984, when AAA Michigan's Claims Investigation Unit was established, the company has successfully deterred fraud on more than 8,800 claims, saving policyholders nearly \$57 million.

To help reduce the chances of becoming a victim of auto theft, AAA Michigan offers the following tips.

- Lock your vehicle and pocket the key.
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit, well-traveled location.
- Don't leave valuables in view.
- Turn on auto-theft devices such as a kill switch or alarm.
- Etch windows with the vehicle identification number (VIN). □

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Basham Urges Constituents: Give from the Heart March 12

To help those injured in the explosion at the Ford Motor Company's Rouge complex, State Representative Ray Basham (D-Taylor) and the United Auto Workers Region 1-A are holding a fund-raising reception and blood drive on Friday, March 12, at the Region 1-A headquarters (9650 S. Telegraph Road, Taylor). The blood drive will take place from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.; the reception, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

"It is important at a time such as this that we come together as a community to help our friends and neighbors," said Basham. "During times of tragedy, it is important to do what you can to help."

Tickets for the fund-raiser — \$20 per individual, \$30 per couple — will be available at the door. Checks should be made payable to the UAW Local 600 Crisis Fund.

For more information, contact Representative Basham (517-373-0852) or the UAW 1-A (313-291-2750).

Basham Supports Measure To Give Consumer's More Access To Credit Reports

Representative Basham has expressed support for House Bill 4190, saying that it would give consumers more access to credit reports.

"We live in an information society where important pocketbook decisions are determined by credit reports compiled by credit bureaus," Basham said.

House Bill 4190 would allow a consumer to request one free copy of his/her credit report per year. Currently, credit bureaus charge \$8 for such a request, said Basham.

The bill is a proactive measure that would assist persons in verifying their credit report before engaging in an important transaction.

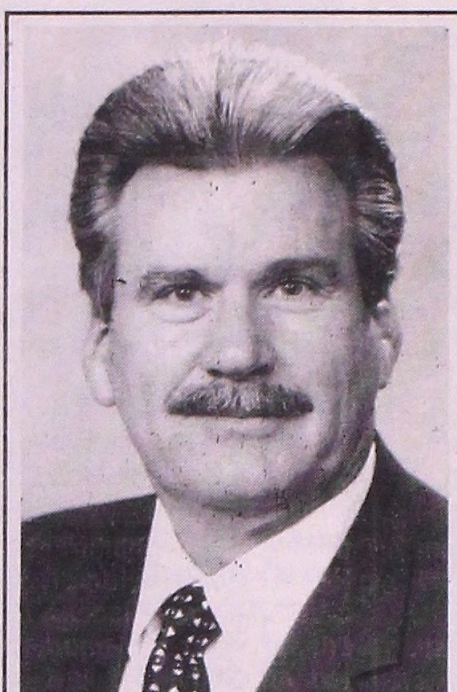
"If credit reports contain false information, people can be denied credit cards and loans for homes and cars through no fault of their own," he explained. "It doesn't make sense for people to have to repair their credit reports after they are denied when they shouldn't have been denied in the first place."

Basham also noted that persons who do not want credit bureaus to sell their personal information to credit-card companies should call 1-888-5 OPT OUT in order to have their name and address removed from sales lists.

Consumer Guide To State's Nursing Homes Now Available

Representative Basham has announced the availability of a significant new resource for Michigan citizens who may need nursing-home care now or in the future. It's called the first Consumer Guide to Michigan Nursing Homes.

The guide contains valuable and useful information about all 450 of



Representative Ray Basham

Michigan's licensed nursing homes, including each home's most recent State survey report, the services that it offers, and the payment options that it accepts. In addition, a "Family Satisfaction Score" is listed for 306 homes.

The easy-to-use guide was designed with the input of more than 13,000 people who have loved ones in Michigan nursing homes.

"If you're looking for nursing-home care in Michigan — today or in the future — the guide is an invaluable resource," said Basham. "In one useful, accessible and user-friendly document, Michigan consumers now have the data they need to make informed decisions about nursing-home care."

The guide is a consumer service provided by the Health Care Association of Michigan, the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, and the Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council.

Basham is assisting these organizations in making the information available to his constituents by providing free copies through his office. Interested individuals are encouraged to call Basham (517-373-0852) to obtain a copy of the guide. Copies also can be obtained by writing to HCAM "Consumer Guide," P.O. Box 80050, Lansing, Michigan 48909-0050; or by accessing the HCAM's web page via the Internet at <http://www.hcam.org>.

House Passes Income-tax Cut

Although the Michigan House of Representatives passed legislation to cut the State income-tax rate to 3.9% over the next five years, Representative Basham said that attempts by his House Democratic colleagues to increase the personal exemption would have provided an even bigger tax cut to the

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REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 22, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, February 22, 1999, was called to order by Vice President Betty M. Lenossi at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed members Kesner and Lambert absent (excused). All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Lenossi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested to amend the Agenda as follows: Add Item VI. C. 1. "Resolution on HB 297 — Detroit Takeover."

2/99/6 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as amended by Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

2/99/7 Moved by Berlinn supported by Webb to approve the Minutes of February 8, 1999, as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, presented the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RETIREMENT: Robert Garry, Head Custodian, Effective March 1, 1999.

2/99/8 Moved by Woods supported by Dick to accept the retirement of Robert Garry, Head Custodian, Effective March 1, 1999. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT: Julie Fontaine, Teacher (3rd Grade), Halecreek, Effective February 1, 1999; Laura Bower, Teacher (5th Grade), Wick, Effective February 15, 1999; and Katie Sechrist, Speech Teacher, Halecreek, Effective May 3, 1999.

2/99/9 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn to approve the employment as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

2/99/10 Moved by Berlinn supported by Webb to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Curriculum Report — Social Studies

Messrs. Clark, Kidwell, and Zaher were present to update the Board of Education on the goals and activities regarding social-studies education in the secondary schools. Mesdames Moore, McCabe, and Knight presented for the elementary schools. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board.

Resolution on HB 297 — Detroit Takeover

2/99/11 Moved by Woods supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached letter opposing HB 297, which will provide for the "takeover" of Detroit and the Governor's proposal to increase the number of Charter Schools.

2/99/12 Moved by Woods supported by Berlinn that the Board table the above resolution. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Recreation/Pool Survey

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the Recreation/Pool Survey that McKenna and Associates had compiled.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience addressed the Board of Education regarding their concerns as they relate to the operation of the School District.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Graduate Status — Schoolcraft College; 2) Middle School — National Assessment; and 3) MASB Legislative Network Meeting.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick asked what the class sizes were at the Middle School.

Mr. Kenneth Berlinn displayed the clock that he received at the Wayne County Association of School Board's meeting in recognition of ten years of service.

Executive Session — Negotiations

2/99/13 Moved by Berlinn supported by Dick to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:38 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:21 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

2/99/14 Moved by Webb supported by Woods that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Woods, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

PUBLIC NOTICE**Pre-application Public Information Meeting****Project Description**

Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Deepwell Disposal Facility, 28470 Citrin Drive, Romulus, Michigan

Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- describe details of the facility and its operation;
- describe truck routes;
- describe wastewater types to be handled;
- describe the nature of the permitting process under Act 451, Part 111; and
- answer questions about the facility

Meeting Details

April 12, 1999, at 7:00 p.m.

Courtyard Hotel (30653 Flynn Drive, Romulus, Michigan)

For Special Access Needs

Please notify EDS at 734-955-2100 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting

Application Contact Person

Austin Marshall, P.O. Box 74456, Romulus, MI 48174 (734-955-2100)

PUBLIC NOTICE**Submittal of a Construction Permit Application for a New Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility**

Pursuant to Section 11118 (9) of Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management of Michigan's Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451), notice is hereby given that Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), will submit a Construction Permit Application for a Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

Facility Description and Location

EDS proposes to construct a Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility to dispose of liquids in two deep injection wells, for which Construction Permit Applications have been filed under Part 625 of Act 451. The facility will be located on a site on Citrin Drive in the SW1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 of section 12, T3S-R9E in Romulus, Michigan (see map below).

Review Process Description

First, the application will be reviewed to determine whether or not it is administratively complete. The process takes up to approximately thirty (30) days. If the application is incomplete, the local municipality and persons on the facility mailing list will be notified and the missing information will be required in writing from EDS. When the missing information is provided by EDS and the application is determined to be complete, the MDEQ will immediately notify the local municipality and persons on the facility mailing list, and proceed with a technical review of the application. Within 120 days of receipt of a complete application, the Director of the MDEQ will either refer the application to the Site Review Board or notify EDS and the public of its intention to deny the application. The denial process includes a public participation period.

Upon the Director's referral, a Site Review Board is established pursuant to Section 11117 of Act 451 to review the potential impact that the proposed facility will have on the local community. The Board will have 180 days to recommend that the Director either approve or reject the construction permit application. All persons on the facility mailing list will be notified of meetings. Once the Board makes its recommendations, the Director of the MDEQ will appropriately issue or deny the construction permit.

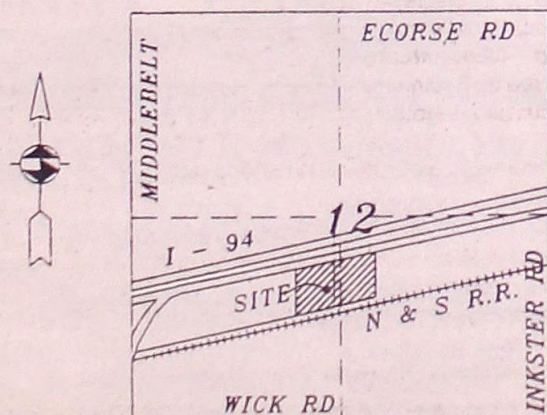
Location of Application Materials

After the application is submitted, it will be available for review at the MDEQ, Waste Management Division Office, on the first floor of the John A. Hannah Office Building, located at the northwest corner of Pine and Allegan streets in Lansing, Michigan, and at the Southeastern Michigan Field Office, located at 38980 Seven Mile Road in Livonia, Michigan. Copies of the application package (after it is submitted) may be ordered from the MDEQ, Waste Management Division, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, MI 48909 for the cost of reproduction. Interested persons must write to this address to be placed on the facility mailing list.

For Further Information

Questions regarding the proposed facility should be addressed to Austin Marshall, Vice-president of EDS, P.O. Box 74456, Romulus, Michigan 48174 (phone number: 734-955-2100), or to Mr. Kenneth Burda, Chief of the Hazardous Waste Program Section of the MDEQ (phone number: 517-373-0530).

This notice has been placed by EDS pursuant to Section 11118 (9) of Act 451.

**RPD Takes Part in St. Patrick's Day Enforcement Program**

The Romulus Police Department is again asking motorists to be responsible in their drinking-and-driving habits during the week of the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

As a participant in the 1999 Drive Michigan Safely grant program, the department will receive funding to place additional officers on patrol to target specific motor-vehicle violations on an overtime basis. The first enforcement period (March 12-18) will target the drinking driver. Lieutenant Jim Rafalski of the department's Community Neighborhood Services division anticipates that an additional four to six units will be working the evening of St. Patrick's Day.

The remainder of the grant funds will be used to educate drivers about the need for responsible conduct when drinking and driving. To accomplish this, promotional ideas designed to encourage responsible behavior will be tar-

geted toward festivities related to St. Patrick's Day.

For example . . .

Nick Alabakis, the owner of Nick's Bar & Grill (located at 31222 Ecorse Road, near Merriman), has planned a special St. Patrick's Day celebration — complete with live entertainment, corned-beef-and-cabbage dinners, and drink specials — at his establishment, so the Romulus Police Department has helped him come up with an idea to encourage his patrons to select a designated driver from their party. Individuals from participating groups will draw stones from a sack that includes one green "blarney stone." The individual selecting the blarney stone will become the group's designated driver, and will receive complimentary snacks and non-alcoholic drinks from Alabakis.

For more information about Drive Michigan Safely, contact Executive Lieutenant Eric Painter (734-942-6878). □

Basham's Lansing Update

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middle-class families.

"After our best efforts to better this proposal were turned down by House Republicans, I voted to cut the income-tax rate because cutting taxes in today's economy is the right thing to do," said Basham. "However, the House Democratic proposal to increase the personal exemption would have meant a significantly deeper tax cut for the majority of households throughout my district and the entire State."

Under the House Democratic plan, the personal exemption would have been increased from the current \$2,800 to \$6,400 over the next five years. The exemption is deducted by everyone on their State income-tax return. These exemptions reduce the amount of household income that can be taxed by the State. Everyone in a household, even children, qualifies for a personal exemption. If the personal exemption were raised to \$6,400, a family of four would not owe any State income tax on the first \$25,600 of income.

"The average family in Romulus and Taylor could have received a \$507 tax cut under the House Democrats' increased-personal-exemption proposal," said Basham. "Unfortunately, under the Governor's plan that passed the House, they will only realize a tax savings of \$179."

Basham pointed out that, unlike the House Democratic proposal, the governor's proposal is a reduction in the income tax rate. While the same rate applies to all individuals, the greater one's income, the greater the tax reduction would be under the new rate. As a

result, under the Governor's proposal, the richest 1,000 Michigan residents would receive an annual savings of \$32,000 each, while a family of four earning \$50,000 would save only \$188.

"Although I am pleased to have the opportunity to reduce the tax burden on Michigan residents, the Governor's plan clearly does not go far enough to help working families," said Basham. "It is disheartening that Republicans put politics first — and families last — when considering tax relief."

Woodward Proposes a State Earned Income-tax Credit

State Representative David Woodward (D-Madison Heights) recently introduced his first House Bill: legislation to create a State earned income-tax credit (EITC). Under this legislation, eligible taxpayers would be able to claim 10% of their Federal earned income credit on their State income-tax returns.

"This legislation is important because it allows the hard-working families in the 34th District and across the State to keep more of the income that they earn," stated Woodward.

Woodward's colleague, Representative Basham, fully supports the bill.

"Since the EITC would be available only to working families and individuals, it will encourage workers to continue to choose work over welfare," he said.

The amount of the EITC is determined by family income and the number of qualifying children that live in the household. Since it is a refundable credit, a person owed a credit greater than the amount of his or her tax liability will receive the difference as a refund from the State. □

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of March: Theresa Chadwick, Alta Curtis, Dorothy Flagg, Robbie Hughes, Mary Jaskolski, Nancy Klimkowski, Lavonia Lambert, Marcia Lawson, Giovanna Scibilia, Inola Singleton, Irene Troutt, Ruth Ulrich, Robert Young, and Lillian Zundel.

Free Tax Service for Seniors

Now through April 14, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040 forms, as well as those for homestead property-tax, home-heating, and prescription credits.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

St. Patrick's Day Bash

You'll be "foolish," indeed, if you miss the Romulus Senior Center's next luncheon, set for 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 1. A menu of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, and dessert is planned.

Tickets (\$5.50 each) must be purchased at the Center by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29.

Dr. Dolittle

This month's \$1 movie at the Senior Center – *Dr. Dolittle*, starring Eddie Murphy – will be shown on the Center's big-screen TV at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 22. As always, refreshments will be served.

Mystery Trip

"All I'm going to say is that this trip will be so interesting, you'll be sorry if you miss it," said Senior Center Coordinator Linda Norman of a "mystery trip" which will depart from the Center at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 26.

A \$3 fee will cover the cost of transportation only; lunch, shopping, etc., will be extra. Early sign-up is recommended, since there will be space for only 13 lucky passengers.

Native American Powwow

Local seniors interested in learning more about Native Americans and their culture won't want to miss the Center's trip to Ann Arbor on Saturday, March 27, for this year's powwow. Costs will include \$5 for transportation/parking, \$6 admission for seniors (\$8 for all other adults), and the cost of food. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852. (Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **Tulip Festival**
(May 14; \$62)
- **The True North (Ontario, Canada)**
(July 18–24; \$749)
- **Branson and Eureka Springs**
(September 19–25; \$699)

"Ask the Attorney"

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

Crime Watch

Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand at the Senior Center at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. As always, safety tips and other crucial information will be discussed.

Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) during the winter months.

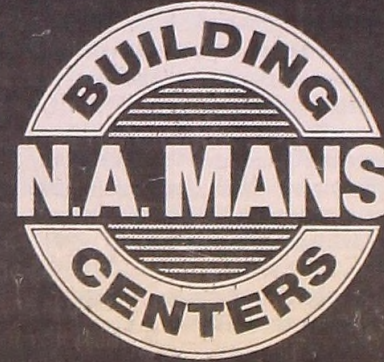
Exercise/Toning

The Senior Center invites you to drop in at any of its free toning/stretching/aerobic exercise classes, which are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning. □

Judges Choose King and Queen



Paul Dorman and Louise Shropshire were crowned Romulus Senior Center King and Queen, 1999, at the Center's Valentine Luncheon, held February 26. Judges for the event were City Treasurer Pam Kersey (left), City Clerk Linda Choate (center), and Mayor Bill Oakley (right).



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Paula and Steve Greca

Congratulations to newlyweds Steve and Paula (Huddleston) Greca of Romulus, Michigan, who exchanged their marriage vows in Historic Church (Taylor, MI) on Saturday, February 13, 1999.

Standing up with Steve were his groomsmen, Tony Greca and Gary Micick.

Paula was attended by bridesmaids Lisa Greca and Nichole Huddleston.

A reception at Roma Banquet Hall (Garden City, MI) immediately followed the ceremony.

Steve is the son of Mrs. Donna Greca (Romulus, MI).

Paula is a former resident of Dearborn Heights, Michigan. □

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Obituaries

Patricia A. (Hadyniak) Puckett

Patricia A. (Hadyniak) Puckett of Redford, Michigan, died on Friday, February 26, 1999. She was 62 years old.

Patricia was born August 4, 1936.

She is survived by one son, Juan "John" Andujar; three brothers, Ronald, Charles, and Roger Hadyniak; and one sister, Mrs. Michael (Marleen) Pawelak.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 2, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Richard Thomson officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Fred A. Sirhan

Fred A. Sirhan of Belleville, Michigan, died on Thursday, March 4, 1999. He was 72 years old.

Fred was born in Palestine on January 17, 1927, and he and his wife, Mary (Mazer) Sirhan, were married there on February 20, 1955. The former Ford Motor Company employee owned Fred and Mary's Party Store (Romulus, MI) from 1971 to 1989.

Surviving Fred are his wife; eight children, Robert Sirhan (Baltimore, MD), Michael Sirhan (Las Vegas, NV), Fred Sirhan (Romulus, MI), Susan Sirhan-

Thalgi (San Antonio, TX), Donna Sirhan (San Antonio, TX), Doris Sirhan-Eskildsen (San Antonio, TX), Jerry Sirhan (Belleville, MI), and Christopher Sirhan (Chattanooga, TN); one sister, Norma Tabsharani (Hillsburg, CA); and seven grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 9, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Richard Thomson officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). □

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